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**DECLARATION SUBMITTED WITH INITIAL FILING**

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING DETECTION OF FAULTS AND  
SWITCHING OF FABRICS IN A REDUNDANT-ARCHITECTURE  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
(Title of Invention)**

the specification of which:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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(Title of Invention)

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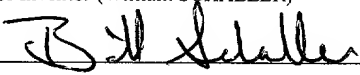
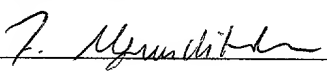
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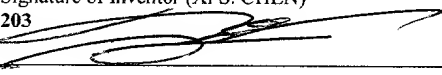

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